



YSEALI Academic Fellowship Program Spring 2022

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Lao PDR is pleased to announce the call for applications for the **Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowships** to candidates from Laos interested in the themes of Civic Engagement, Environmental Issues, and Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development for Spring 2022!

More information visit <https://bit.ly/3xRYRzO>
The application open until November 10, 2021

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The YSEALI Academic Fellowship is an intensive short-term academic program aims to provide groups of exceptional young leaders from Southeast Asian countries to the United States to further develop their professional and leadership skills.

YSEALI Academic Spring 2022 will be administered as a hybrid program, which includes virtual activities and a tentative in-person U.S.-based exchange.



Eligibility

- Be a YSEALI member. Register for free at <http://yseali.state.gov>
- Between the ages of 18 and 25
- A citizen and a resident of Laos;
- A full-time undergraduate student from college, university, or other institutions of higher learning; or have graduated in the past four years;
- Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English;
- Demonstrate interest, knowledge, or experience in Civic Engagement, Environmental Issues, or Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development;

What are the benefits I would get?

Each selected YSEALI Fellow will:

- Partake in virtual leadership and professional development activities throughout the program.
- Be placed at a U.S. institution for five weeks focused on issues relating to the Fellow's choice.
- Gain first-hand knowledge about US institutions and build relationships with ASEAN and Timor Leste fellows as well as American counterparts.
- Receive comprehensive on-program support. Travel and living arrangements will be covered as well as emergency health benefit on program.
- Become part of a prestigious alumni network with access to valuable resources and an international network of like-minded leaders.



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ABOUT THE THEMES

Civic Engagement

The Fellowship will define civic engagement, examine its development in the United States, and explore topics such as active citizenship, community building, economic development, grassroots activism, and volunteerism. Other topics such as civil rights, social justice, entrepreneurship, ethics, leadership, and media will be discussed. Fellows will also have the opportunity to meet with community leaders, entrepreneurs, and representatives of non-profit organizations. Throughout the Fellowship participants will develop innovative and practical plans to become engaged citizens in their own communities.

Environmental Issues

The Fellowship will use experiential learning techniques to expose participants to current themes in the field, including climate change, sustainable development/sustainable agricultural practices, food security, ecotourism, renewable energy generation, and water management and treatment. Fellows will also explore the issues from numerous angles: local grassroots activism and civic initiatives, impacts on marginalized communities, private sector approaches, global multilateral efforts, and federal government policies and regulation. . Fellows will also have the opportunity to meet with community leaders, and representatives of non-profit organizations.



Social Entrepreneurship

The Fellowship will review the development, history, challenges, and successes of enterprises and community leaders, in the United States and globally. Topics include, but are not limited to, trade; investment; financial literacy; banking; microfinance; organizational development and management; grant writing; innovation; emerging markets and risk analysis; strategic business planning; corporate social responsibility; and, women and minorities in entrepreneurship.

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